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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

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Horticultural Society.

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CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—*Title.*

The Society shall be known as the District of Columbia Horticultural Society.

Article II.—*Object.*

The object of the Society shall be to promote, foster, and encourage horticultural taste and knowledge.

Article III.—*Membership.*

Section 1. Any person wishing to become a member of this Society must be recommended by two members at a regular meeting, and if two-thirds of the members present shall so determine, he or she shall be declared elected, and on signing this Constitution, shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership. The admission fee of a regular member shall be one dollar, and an annual contribution of two dollars thereafter, payable quarterly, shall be assessed to each regular member. Any member neglecting to pay his or her

dues for the space of one year after notice thereof, shall cease to enjoy the privileges of membership, and if his or her dues are not paid within one month thereafter, he or she shall forfeit his or her membership.

Sec. 2. Honorary and life members may be elected at any regular meeting of the Society, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society, except to eligibility to office and to vote. They shall have free admission to all exhibitions of the Society. Honorary members shall be exempt from all fees and dues. Life members shall pay the sum of ten dollars on signing this Constitution.

Sec. 3. Regular members shall have free admission for himself and his own family to all exhibitions of the Society; and if without a family, he shall have the privilege of introducing two friends, whose admission shall be regulated by tickets not transferable.

Article IV.—*Officers.*

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five, who shall be elected

annually by ballot, and shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE V.—*President and Vice-Presidents.*

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and preserve order. In the absence of the President, the Vice-Presidents, in their order, shall perform the same duties. In the absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents, the members present shall choose a President *pro tempore*, who, for the time being, shall exercise all the duties of the office.

ARTICLE VI.—*Recording Secretary.*

The Recording Secretary shall have the custody of all the records and the seal of the Society, and all other property connected with his office. He shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Society in a book provided for that purpose, and sign his name thereto. He shall give due notice of all meetings and exhibitions of the Society and notify members of their election. He shall keep an account with each member of the. Society, charging up his or her dues and collecting the same, and keep an account of all money re-

ceived and expended each quarter, and shall pay over all money coming into his possession, by virtue of his office, to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor.

ARTICLE VII.—*Corresponding Secretary.*

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and prepare all letters to be written in its name, and shall retain copies thereof, and of all letters received, in a book to be kept for that purpose, which shall be open to the inspection of the Society at all times.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities of the Society, and pay such drafts as may from time to time be ordered by the Society, signed by the President and countersigned by the Recording Secretary. He shall submit his books and a full statement of his accounts annually, or when called upon by the Executive Committee.

ARTICE IX.—*Executive Committee.*

The Executive Committee shall consist of five

members in addition to the President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be *ex officio* members thereof. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to make all necessary rules and regulations for holding exhibitions, to appoint committees on Fruit, Flowers, and Vegetables, and prescribe the duties of the same. They shall have charge of all publications emanating from the Society, and shall keep a true record of their proceedings, and report the same to the Society when called upon to do so.

Article X.—*Expulsion of Members.*

Any member guilty of a breach of good faith towards the Society, or who shall do anything to the dishonor thereof, may be expelled at any regular meeting of the Society, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor; but no member shall be expelled, unless a written notice be served upon him or her at least one month before such expulsion is acted upon.

Article XI.—*Vacancies.*

In case of a vacancy in any office of the Society, it shall be filled at the next regular meet-

ing by special election, and the person so elected shall hold his office until the next annual election.

Article XII.—*Meetings.*

The annual meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Monday in February of each year, and the regular monthly and special meetings shall be held as the Executive Committee may determine.

Article XIII.—*Amendments.*

Amendments to this Constitution may be made when proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Society, entered upon the minutes, and laid over at least one month; when, if approved by two-thirds of the members present, they shall form a part of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.—*Committees.*

All committees not otherwise provided for, shall be appointed by the President, and the first named member shall act as chairman thereof, who shall appoint a time for the meeting of said committee, and notify the members thereof before leaving the Society.

Article II.—*Finance.*

A Committee on Finance, consisting of three members, shall be elected, by ballot, at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to examine the books of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, and report the condition thereof to the Society at the next regular meeting.

Article III.—*Order.*

Section 1. No member shall interrupt the President or any other member while speaking. Every member shall stand while addressing the chair.

Sec. 2. A motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, shall have precedence in the order named.

Article IV.—*Disbursement.*

No disbursement of the funds of the Society shall be made except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Article V.—*Quorum.*

Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Election of members.
3. Nominations for membership.
4. Report of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.

7 remarks on Exhibits

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